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SUBJ: QUARTERLY NARCOTICS REPORT - COLOMBIA

REF: BOGOTA 1273

1. SUMMARY: DESPITE NARE INCIDENT AND RESULTING SLOW-DOWN IN DEA BOGOTA ACTIVITIES, GOC INTEREST AND ACTIVITY IN DRUG FIELD REMAINS HIGH.

MISSION IS PRESSING GOC TO NAME DRUG ENFORCEMENT COORDINATOR OR COORDINATING AGENCY IN ORDER AVOID FUTURE INCIDENTS LIKE THAT AT NARE

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS IS MOVING AHEAD WITH AMBITIOUS PUBLIC RELATIONS, EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION CAMPAIGN PLANS AND IS SEEKING U.S. FINANCIAL SUPPORT. GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ARE EXTENDING

COVERAGE TO INCLUDE MIXED DAS-CUSTOMS-F-2 UNITS AT MAJOR PORTS OF ENTRY. THESE NEW MIXED UNITS ARE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE. END SUMMARY.

2. ABUSE- NO CHANGE FROM REFERENCED REPORT. GOC MINHEALTH  
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WILL SOON PUBLISH FIRST RESULTS OF A NATION-WIDE STUDY OUTLINING

BASIC PATTERS OF DRUG USE IN MAJOR CITIES (BOGOTA, CALI AND BARRANQUILLA).

3. PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING - CONBINED DAS/ARMY OPERATIONS IN THE SIERRA NEVADA REGION RESULTED IN THE DESTRUCTION OF 304 ACRES OF MARIJUANA FILEDS. IN FEB AND MARCH, GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SEIZED CLANDESTINE COCAINE LABORATORIES IN CALI AND BOGOTA, AND A HASHISH LABORATORY IN THE SIERRA NEVADA.

4. TRAFFICKING TRENDS - U.S. - BASED PRIVATE AIRCRAFT CONTINUED AIRLIFT SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNTS NARCOTICS FROM NORTHEASTERN COLOMBIAN COASTAL AREAS. AS GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TIGHTEN CONTROLS ALONG THIS COAST, TRAFFICKERS APPEAR TO BE SHIFTING OPERATIONS TOWARD THE LLANOS OR OTHER INTERIOR REGIONS.

5. ENFORCEMENT - DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW, GOC NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES SEIZED MORE THAN 52,000 GRAMS OF COCAINE, ONE TON OF COCA LEAVES, 17,500 GRAMS OF COCA PASTE, 60 GALLONS OF LIQUID COCAINE, 223,000 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA AND 16 BAGS OF MARIJUANA SEEDS. ONE TRAFFICKER AIRCRAFT WAS ALSO SEIZED. GOC AGENTS ARRESTED NEARLY 40 MAJOR VIOLATORS IN CONNECTION WITH ABOVE OPERATIONS.

6. TREATMENT /REHABILITATION/EDUCATION - UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF ITS EXECUTIVE SECRETARY JORGE RESTREPO AND MINHEALTH DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH DR. BAULIO MEJIA, THE GOC NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS DIRECTED ITS ATTENTION TWOARD DEVELOPING NEW REHABILITATION, EDUCATION AND PREVENTION PROGRAMS. THE CONCIL MADE TWO GRANTS TOTALING 45,000 DOLLARS TO ESTABLISH DRUG REHABILITATION CENTERS IN CALI AND BOGOTA. ANOTHER \$15,000 WENT TO THE MEDELLIN MENTAL HOSITAL FOR DRUG REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MINJUSTICE SANTOFIMIO KEY-NOTED IN BOGOTA THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF COUNCIL-SPONSORED DRUG SEMNIARS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD OVER THE NEXT EIGHT MONTHS THROUGHOUT COLOMBIA. COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DRUG INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER AND A NATIONAL MEDIA DRUG SEMINAR TO HELP FOCUS MORE PUBLIC ATTENTION ON THE PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION ASPECTS OF THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM. IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TWO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS --MPROMETEA IN BOGOTA AND CAMINOS IN CALI--GAINED OFFICIAL RECOGNITION AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (SEE ABOVE). BOTH GROUPS ARE COMPOSED OF CONFIDENTIAL

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PROFESSIONALS IN THE FIELDS OF MEDICINE AND PSYCHOLOGY, AS WELL AS BUSINESSMEN. IN ADDITION TO OPENG REHABILITATION CENTERS IN TWO MAJOR CITIES, GROUPS HOPE TO HEIGHTEN PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE AMONG COLOMBIAN YOUTH. FINALLY, MISSION OBTAINED GOC CLEARANCE TO BEGIN FILMING IN JUNE A 30-MINUTE USIA FILM FOR WORLD-WIDE DISTRIBUTION ON COLOMBIA'S EFFORTS AT DRUG INTERDICTION, PREVENTION AND REHABILITATION.

7. TRAINING- DURING THE QUARTER UNDER REVIEW, TWO DAS NARCOTICS AGENTS ATTENDED DEA TRAINING IN WASHINGTON. THREE CHEMISTS (ONE EACH FROM DAS, NATIONAL POLICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE) ATTENDED A DEA COURSE FOR CHEMISTS. IN COLOMBIA, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL ESTABLISHED THE SECOND OF PLANNED ELEVEN JUDICIAL POLICE UNITS AT MAJOR PORTS OF ENTRY. DEA AGENTS ASSIGNED TO BOGOTA ASSISTED IN TRAINING THIS 24-MAN MIXED UNIT LOCATED AT CALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND MADE UP OF DAS, F-2 AND CUSTOMS AGENTS.

8. REGIONAL AND MULTILATERAL CORPORATION - NO CHANGE.

9. EMBASSY AND HOST GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES - IN THE WAKE OF THE FEBRUARY NARE INCIDENT -- WHERE DEA AGENTS WERE CAUGHT IN A GUN BATTLE BETWEEN CUSTOMS AND DAS OFFICIALS --MISSION CONTINUES TO SEEK GOC ACTION TO APPOINT A NATIONAL COORDINATOR OR COORDINATING BODY FOR DRUG INTERDICTION AND ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS. GOC MINHEALTH INFORMS US MATTER IS NOW BEFORE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS FOR ACTION. THREE NARCOTICS PROJECT AGREEMENTS AND AMENDMENTS WERE SIGNED DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH: DAS PROAG \$220,400 FOR EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND OTHER COSTS; PROAGE AMENDMENT DAS FOR AIRCRAFT CHARTER COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF 25,000 DOLLARS; AND AN AMENDMENT TO NATIONAL POLICE FY-75 PROAG IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS 46,000 FOR AIRCRAFT CHARTERS, TRAINING AND OTHER COSTS. MISSION HAS REQUESTED S/NM SUPPORT FOR ACCELERATED NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DANGEROUS DRUGS DRUG EDUCATION AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS. AID NARCOTICS ADVISORS ARE DISCUSSING WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE POSSIBLE U.S. SUPPORT FOR MIXED JUDICIAL POLICE NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT UNITS PLANNED FOR 11 COLOMBIAN AIRPORTS AND PORTS OF ENTRY. USIS AND BINATIONAL CENTER STAFFS CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL GROUPS IN SUPPORTING A SERIES OF NARCOTICS SEMINARS IN BOGOTA, CALI AND OTHER MAJOR CENTERS.

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